



Visit the Only Swordsmith in Mie and Make Your Own Knife  
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Mie prefecture's only swordsmith workshop is hidden away deep in the mountains. This program offers participants the opportunity to visit Kenichiro Sumiya, a lone swordsmith who crafts blades in this secluded spot. Learn about the history of Japanese swords at a traditional Japanese home, see how they changed shape throughout the ages, pick up and examine some unique swords, and then visit Sumiya's workshop. Later, participants will heat the blade of a knife made with the same steel as Japanese swords using charcoal, and then rapidly cool it in water to create the hamon temper pattern in the quenching process. This completely private activity is a rare experience that almost feels like being accepted as the swordsmith's apprentice.



- Learn about the history and crafting methods of Japanese swords directly from a swordsmith including a Q&A session.
- This truly unique experience takes place in an old Japanese home secluded deep in the mountains.
- The knife made during the activity can be shipped about 5 days later (domestic shipping only).



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